

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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IMPACT OF BT. GENE ON VEGETABLES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Department of Research and Investigation of Delhi University has concluded in its study that Bt. gene is not risk free and it is likely to cause harm to vegetation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any action in the light of the said conclusions;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the amount spent on the said action?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. According to the information furnished by the Department of Genetics, University of Delhi, the research on cry 1A(c) gene in cotton has not concluded. However, preliminary investigation suggests that this gene is non-toxic to non-target insects, pests and other organisms, including human beings.

(c) to (e): In view of the above, the question does not arise.